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Seniors' time at LC marked by change

By Katherine Tiernan
News Editor

On Saturday, May 17 the class of 2003 graduates from Loyola College. The soon to be graduates have been called one of the most unified classes to go through the college in many years.

The class has seen Loyola through numerous changes, leading them to graduate an institution much different from the one they entered. New to campus are the Sellinger School of Business Building, the Fitness and Aquatic Center, a renovated Maryland Hall and the new Student Center, as well as superficial ehanges like the change in the dorm names.

"I think we are the most spirited class that has come to Loyola in awhile and I think our class has changed the culture of Loyola," said Christine Maloblocki, senior class president.

In the last four years the senior class has been instrumental in creating traditions and events that were meant to foster greater school spirit such as the Freshman Pull between the east and west sides of campus, the Harbor Cruise, Loyolapalooza and the Fall Football Classic (FFC). Not only have members of the class created these traditions, but the class of 2003 has instrumental in supporting these events allowing them to continue.

The seniors have been credited with high attendance at class and school events and good behavior.

"I think it is a testament to what you can do," Maloblocki said. "We said to the administration that our class will not ruin it, we can behave as responsible adults."

The FFC, a revamped version of the now-forbidden Junior vs. Senior Powder Puff game, is the best example of this. Maloblocki explained that by not trashing the McAuley courtyard or being belligerently drunk or fighting the seniors have set a precedent of good behavior for classes to follow.



The senior girls celebrate their Fall Football Classic win last fall. The senior class played a vital role in the success of the new tradition.

Maloblocki sees a reversal in the attitude held by students about Loyola. Claiming the apathetic attitude that plagued many in the beginning of college has been reversed.

"There was a void and we were able to fill it," she said.

The class of 2003 has seen Loyola evolve into a stronger institution and is about to graduate into a very different world than the one they entered college in.

While the class has been lucky not to experience the death of a classmate, they have faced different obstacles that have worked to unite them. Members of the class of 2003 have experienced a war with Iraq, a war on terror, and most significantly the events of Sept. 11, when half of the class was studying abroad. Seniors also face one of the weakest job markets in 20 years.

"Although we're all obviously saddened by the state of the world I'm not afraid of us going into it because of the type of people we've become here," Maloblocki said. "That we are graduating with 900 of the most upstanding people I have ever met is a really comforting thought."

Seniors lead Hounds into Final Four



Susan Tyrrell and the Hounds are two wins from a national championship.

By Mike Memoli
Editor in Chief

Having captured the attention of their fellow students and the national media, the senior players on the women's lacrosse team now look to bring home Loyola's first-ever national championship.

The Greyhounds defeated Yale University 13-7 before a roaring Mother's Day crowd on Sunday to reach the NCAA Final Four for the third time in four years. Friday, they will face defending champion Princeton, a team Loyola defeated in March to take the number one national ranking.

"We had a mission from day one to get to the Final Four, so as a head coach I'm very pleased to be advancing right now and heading back up to the dome in Syracuse," said head coach Diane Geppi-Aikens.

Thirteen wins and just one loss after the Princeton game, the Hounds have remained atop the women's lacrosse poll each week except one. The respect that comes with being a number one team was especially gratifying to this year's seniors.

"Every year I've been to Loyola, we've always been the underdog," said senior tri-captain Suzanne Eyler. "We're always under-ranked, we're always looked over. ... Now we're not the underdogs, we're number one. People want to knock us off, and we welcome

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Commitment to justice pays with scholarship

By Julie Ryder
Staff Writer

Autumn Martin, a member of the class of 2003 and native of Boyertown, Penn., was chosen from a national field of candidates to receive one of this year's Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Scholarships. The award will provide Martin with funding for tuition, room and board, required fees and books for up to six years of graduate study.

The scholarship is awarded to up to 50 outstanding students for graduate study during the 2003-2004 academic year. The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation is committed to providing scholarships for a new generation of leaders in order to decrease the number of students entering the workforce deeply in debt from loans.

"We want to make a statement that now is the time to be investing in the next generation of leaders for our country and the world," said Matthew J. Quinn, executive director of the Foundation. "We expect great things from these scholars as they go forward in life."

Not only will Martin complete a residency in primary care, but looks forward to earning a Masters in public health.

"I am getting my Masters in public health as well so that I can understand the current healthcare system, disparities in healthcare access for underserved populations and about health policy and ways to advocate for legislative reform, in order to help improve health for these underserved populations," said Martin.

After medical school Martin plans to work in a community health clinic. Martin said that her work at the Center for Values and Service led her to transform her childhood goal of becoming a doctor into a desire to work for those most in need of healthcare.

According to friend Kristine Schmitz, Martin is committed to service and justice, but more importantly to being real and loving to people.

"What's so special about Autumn is not only her academic ability and her ethic or hard work –many Loyola students have that – but also her social conscience and compassion," said philosophy professor Drew Leder, who has worked with Martin through an independent study on world healing traditions. "She is committed to making an active difference in the world, and passionate about social justice and helping the underserved. That's the ideal of what we're seeking to develop in a Jesuit university."

Support strong for senior gift

By Nick Alexopulos
Managing Editor

The class of 2003 established its role as responsible Loyola alumni through the class' overwhelming support for this year's senior class gift, a memorial to the victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks with special tributes to members of the Loyola community who lost their lives on that day. Both pledges and participation from the seniors are higher than last year at this point in the funding process.

"[The gift] is a dress rehearsal for the class to say 'yes' to Loyola in the future when asked to be involved," said Michael Goff, vice president of Development and College Relations.

So far, the class of 2003 has said "yes." As of May 7 the Green and Grey Society, a group of 14 seniors that organizes and promotes the senior class gift each year, collected over $20,000 in pledges from 385 seniors. Goff hopes that this high participation trend will continue so the class of 2003 shows support for Loyola with both money and involvement in the future.

"The senior class gift is about a lot more than money," said Goff. "It's a joint effort to get the class organized for the future."

This gift is especially important because 75 percent of the class of 2003 voted for the memorial over two other choices. The memorial will likely be located in the open area between the Donnelly Science Center and the chapel and include a fountain, reflection area and benches.

"This monument will be a symbol of our permanent, intangible legacy on campus," said Dave Sabol, a member of the Green and Grey Society.

The class of 2003 will announce its choice and plans for the memorial at graduation.

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LOYOLA COLLEGE IN MARYLAND
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A Letter from the President of Loyola College

To the Class of 2003:

Congratulations! After four years—perhaps longer for some—of dedicated hard work and commitment, you have earned your place among the distinguished alumni of Loyola College in Maryland.

The past four years have been a momentous time at the College. You saw dramatic changes to the Evergreen campus, with the grand openings of the Sellinger School Building and the Fitness and Aquatic Center, and the remodeling of Maryland Hall. You welcomed new deans to the College of Arts and Sciences and the Sellinger School. You joined the College Community in celebrating Loyola's Sesquicentennial Year. And your persistence and hard work helped bring new campus radio and television stations to the College.

Certainly, the most momentous events that have marked your tenure at Loyola were the unprecedented events in our nation's history—the war in Iraq, and the tragedy of September 11. Your selection of a September 11 memorial as your Class gift to the College is a fitting testament to the strength of the Class of 2003—and to the strength you have found through faith and reflection. As you leave Evergreen, may you always carry with you the knowledge of the sustaining power of faith and community.

Please accept my great appreciation for all of your contributions to the College Community, and I look forward to being with you at Commencement on May 17.

Harold P. Ridley

The Reverend Harold Ridley, S.J.

Dedication

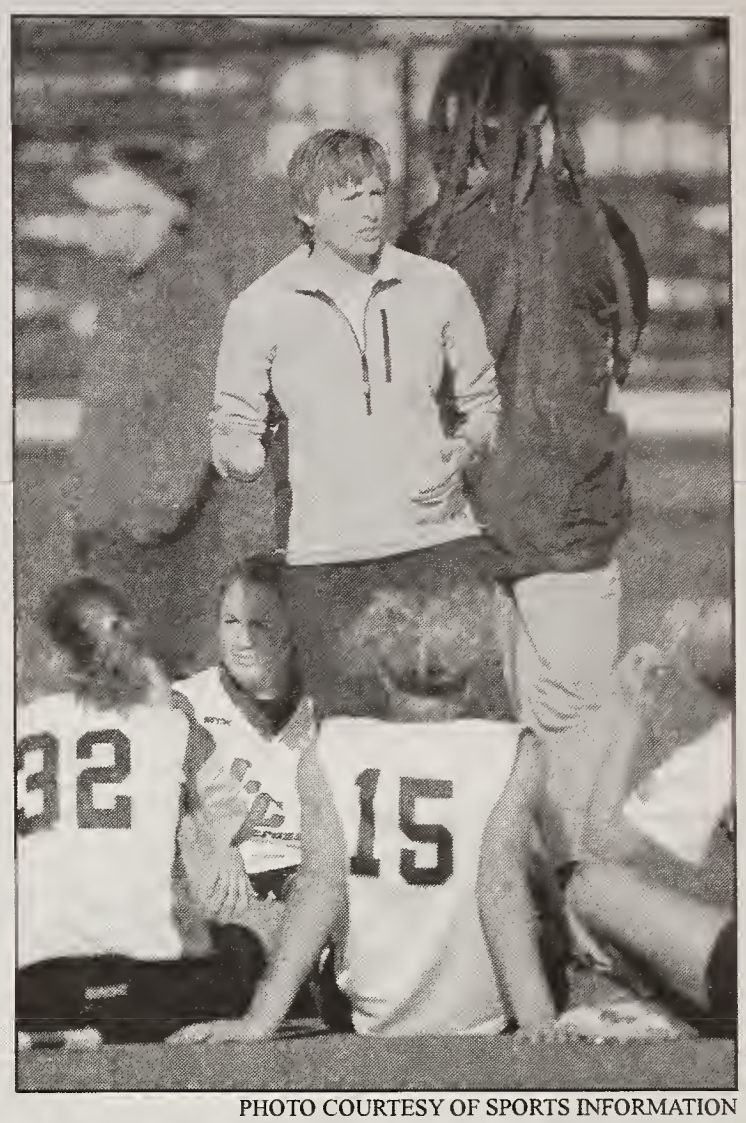


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Each year, *The Greyhound* dedicates its senior issue to a person who best exemplifies Loyola's mission. This year, we are proud to honor Diane Geppi-Aikens, Loyola's extraordinary lacrosse coach. In the midst of the fight of her life, she has led the women's team to new heights, at the same time bringing pride to the entire college community. Her dedication to her players and the college as a student and coach serve as an example that all should aspire to. Truly, she embodies Loyola College at its best.

We gave! Did you?

Help us leave a lasting impression by pledging to the Senior Class Gift.

Your pledge or gift will help fund a September 11th Memorial on the Evergreen Campus—a gift that will be meaningful to the entire Loyola community. Join us, and help ensure the legacy of the Class of 2003.

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Or pledge on-line at: https://www.loyola.edu/stayconnected/evergreenfund/seniorclasspledgeform.html

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Loyola College in Maryland

The Book of Steele reaches the final chapter



The Book of Steele

NICK ALEXOPULOS

Someone told me once that death and taxes were the only two sure things in life and I believed that person, until now. When I leave this campus May 17 with bachelor's degree in hand, I'll smile with content knowing that I learned life's third, and arguably most important, guarantee: there will always be a dirty kid.

That's right. In rooms with multiple roommates laws of probability state that no matter how hard you try and how clean you are, pots pile up in the sink, trash accumulates under the couch and perishable food rots in the open air. Even when you try to weed out the dirty kid another roommate steps up and sits on the abandoned throne of filth because being the dirtiest augments his dirty quotient. I say, give up. Thank you, college, for showing me the light.

Oh, and the dirty kid is always, I repeat, *always* the laziest kid in the room with the most free time to sit on his ass and not bathe. It's one of life's great paradoxes; here you have Chicken McDirtyplates who has more time on his hands than a prisoner serving a life sentence, yet none of that free time ever gets devoted to eliminating the clutter that surrounds his desk. And if "studying" means "video games," you've pinpointed the dirty one in the room.

Pigpen is the source of all conflict in the room because, as all of us wise seniors have learned, a sink packed with mustard-encrusted silverware might as well be called the "big bang" of roommate feuds.

Regardless of what subject matter fuels intra-room arguments, someone will undoubtedly refer back to how someone else never cleans his dishes, and then ... boom! All hell breaks loose, like when an ice cream truck overturns outside a fat camp.

I hope dirty kids go extinct once they leave college. Every undergrad and perspective college student out there should heed this warning and understand that slobs are unavoidable in a dorm/roommate setting. Farewell college, farewell dirty kids, hello empty garbage can and cabinet full of clean cups.

If I could leave a legacy at Loyola, I'd set up a class that every freshmen had to take to graduate. The class would meet once for five minutes; each student would walk up to the front of the room and get smacked with a dirty garden hose, then handed a piece of paper that read, "Open up your eyes." Upon leaving, students would have to choose between two consolation prizes: a copy of that day's *New York Times* or a faded visor that could only be worn backwards and upside-down. Those who chose the visor would be expelled, because the key to succeeding anywhere is to weed out the idiots as early as possible.

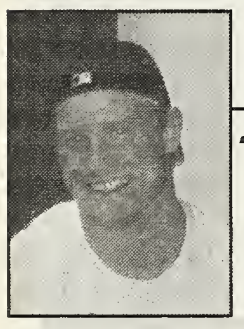
Nevertheless, I love Loyola and if I could go back in time I would definitely still go here, but I'd start going to the gym when I was three and make sure my parents bought me a Jetta. There is no way I could shine at another school like I did here (if you can consider making countless enemies and not getting into the political science honors society "shining") and I have to accredit all of my accolades to the braintrusts who were "asked to leave" Loyola for exposing themselves in public. Maybe one of them could have written the "Book of Steele," except it would be called "I'm an ungrateful brat." They are the unsung heroes of the class of 2003 and I thank them for all of their hard work. You should, too. Send them some bong cleaner in the mail.

If you were one of the lucky few who got to live in close proximity to me freshman or sophomore year, you would know that I am a changed man. Yes, I'm older and wiser. Yes, I have some direction in my life now. Yes, I'm going bald. But those changes are trivial compared to the level of calm I've discovered that eluded me for the first four semesters. See, I was a nutcase, and still am, to a degree, a nutcase, but my spastic demeanor doesn't hold a candle to how I used to act.

That was me pre-medicated, when the "H" in ADHD ran rampant on the Evergreen campus. Now I'm only half as crazy and just as speedy, but there's more time in between the spells of craziness. When I leave Loyola I'm leaving behind the spaz that bestowed so much comic relief to so many people who really didn't want it. That spaz will haunt the fourth floor of Guilford and the halls of MCY for the rest of time.

As for my farewells ... to my parents, I could not have made it without your support, and I know it's not your fault I'm going bald. To my friends who stuck by me in nutcaseness and in health, you are my bread and butter, the Ben to my J-Lo before they get a divorce. I will lift a mug to all of you every Wednesday night for as long as I live because I know you will do the same, no matter how far apart we are or what Comedy Central puts in its 10 p.m. time slot. To my beautiful girlfriend who dates me even though I'm as unpredictable as Space Mountain, I love you even though you can beat me a racquetball when I play left-handed. To my professors who put up with all of my ridiculous comments in class, I'm sorry, and don't deny that you know your classes will be sooooo boring without me. To *The Greyhound* staff, give this paper the first option next year. Ousta.

It all goes back to freshman year



The Brass Bonanza

SEAN BURNS

Yes, that first day is still clear in my mind.

The nice six-hour drive down from the bustling metropolis of Hartford into steamy Baltimore, where we proceeded to wait an hour for a far too cheerful evergreen to come by with one of those huge bins to carry our stuff upstairs. Parents spent the time scmoozing, discussing how nice the campus looked, and how *lucky* we were to have a pool right outside of our dorm. Personally, I was looking around (mostly at the girls), seeing who my future classmates were.

Finally getting up there to find my roommate passed out, having gone out the previous night; thirty pack stashed under his bed at the last minute when he realized the rest of us (and our parents) were coming in and might be irritated to find cold beers waiting for us on our first day. Once we dragged him out of bed, we began the scramble for the good spots in the room, which were irrelevant once we just started throwing our crap anywhere less than 24 hours later.

And then, there was that first magical night at Rooties, which turned into a magical month, and then the greater portion of a semester.

I can't believe that it's been a full four years.

Sure, we moved off campus and moved on to the York road and downtown bars, (and a few non alcohol-related haunts too) but the fundamental experiences of my college life happened in that first year, where we all lived and bonded together for the first time.

There were those first days of class, where you finally saw what the people from Rooties in daylight, and realized that you'd actually run into people on campus. That's when you realized that they wouldn't believe all the ridiculous crap you told them at the bar was true once they saw you in your hung-over glory.

Then there were the nights at the end of the semester everyone in the room ran out of money and you begged the juniors down the hall to pick you up a bottle of the cheapest booze at Wells. Instead of spending your money in a smoky bar, you'd sit in the Wynnewood (no, it will NEVER be Newman or whatever) room, laughing and making fun of each other while you played cards all night.

When winter came, we realized that Maryland has no idea what to do with anything more than a rapidly melting inch of powder and you'd get days off at a stretch for any snow. We'd go out and sled down the hill by the pit, grabbing people's mattresses and making fools of ourselves.

Things were much simpler that year. Everything seemed to be about having fun and meeting as many people as possible, because we were all in the same boat .

Classes were tough, but it became apparent that the teachers understood much of what we were going through, and you got a lot of leeway for sleeping through a 9 a.m. class, or missing a homework assignment.

It got weird to go home, because your parents would start catching you referring to Baltimore as "home," and wonder why you felt so invaded just by being under their roof again.

A lot has changed for all of us since then. We've learned to live through all-nighters, and discovered that Rooties and 723 aren't the only places to have fun on a weekend.

But most of the same group that was here back in September of good old '99 are still together, spending our last few nights at Craig's, and realizing that the real world is just around the corner.

It's been a fun, sad, happy, depressing, energizing and altogether educational experience. I personally can't say that I'm much smarter than I was four years ago, but if nothing else, I would say that all of us are much wiser for our time at this small little institution on Charles Street.

So, cheers to all of you, the Loyola College class of 2003. It's been nice to share a campus with you.

Packing my bags ...



Anyone Out There?

KATHERINE TIERNAN

I started to pack my room the other day. As I sorted through all of my things I began to throw out all the crap I had accumulated. Everything I pulled out of my desk or out from under my bed had to be examined for worthiness. Does this mean anything to me? Will it be useful? Is it trash?

By the time I got to the fourth garbage bag I realized how much crap I had been holding on to for the past few years and how it had been weighing me down. All the bad memories, the hurt and the insecurities were things that I had been holding close to me and needlessly dragging around out of habit more than anything else.

As I threw out my garbage it was like I was purging myself of all the bad stuff so I could move on from college and that portion of myself with only the good things left.

Into boxes went my CDs that got me through road trips, Australia and back, packing, unpacking, paper writing and dancing around my room for fun.

I packed textbooks from classes I knew I would need or had loved so much it was hard to part with the book. There in the box was my first journalism text book, dictionary, media studies reader from sophomore year, a book of poetry that was a gift, my writing portfolio and baking cookbook ... just in case I wanted to change my career aspirations to baker or economist.

Into a different box went my plates, bowls, pots and pans. Hand me downs from my mom or cheap things bought specifically for college that are now battered from use and love. Sure I may not be coming home with a complete set of dishes and some of my silverware is missing along with a pot but it comes with time. Things were borrowed or lent, cups were dropped and cracked late at night or in a fit of stress ... but it is ok that things are missing, I'll be living at home forever anyway.

Into a suitcase went the vestiges of winter clothes, T-shirts, pants and the first "going out" shirt I bought in college. Articles of clothing I won't part with for a few years but may not be 100 percent acceptable in the real world.

On top of everything else I packed my photo albums. In a sense it was like packing all my friends and bringing them home with me.

I realized how the things I accumulated had defined my time at Loyola and how it had shaped me. I have a T-shirt from every service project or retreat I have been part of.

These experiences have opened me up to people I never would have met in my daily life here, many of whom have become close friends. I have seen parts of the city that I would never have ventured into had I not pushed myself out of my comfort zone.

I have a bulging folder with every *Greyhound* I have written for or done layout for. It has eaten up my weekends and my free time and became something I hated but will leave a void next year. My dislike for the stress that it brought into my life is second to my love of being a part of the paper and the people I have met and worked with through my involvement.

I am leaving Loyola on my terms ... with the good stuff. All the other stuff was just space filler, great that it happened at the time but not important in the long run. I leave happy with what I have done with my time here and full of love for the friends that I have made here and the teachers, faculty and students who have shaped by my time here.

In the long run the things that made me laugh and smile and made me who I am are more special than the things that made me cry, scream or stress over.

I packed the important stuff to bring home.

Faces of the Class of 2003







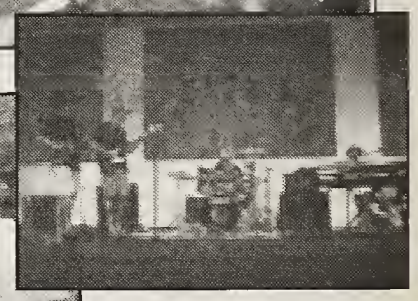

















Congratulations SENIORS!



Jurrasic 5 at Loyolapalooza

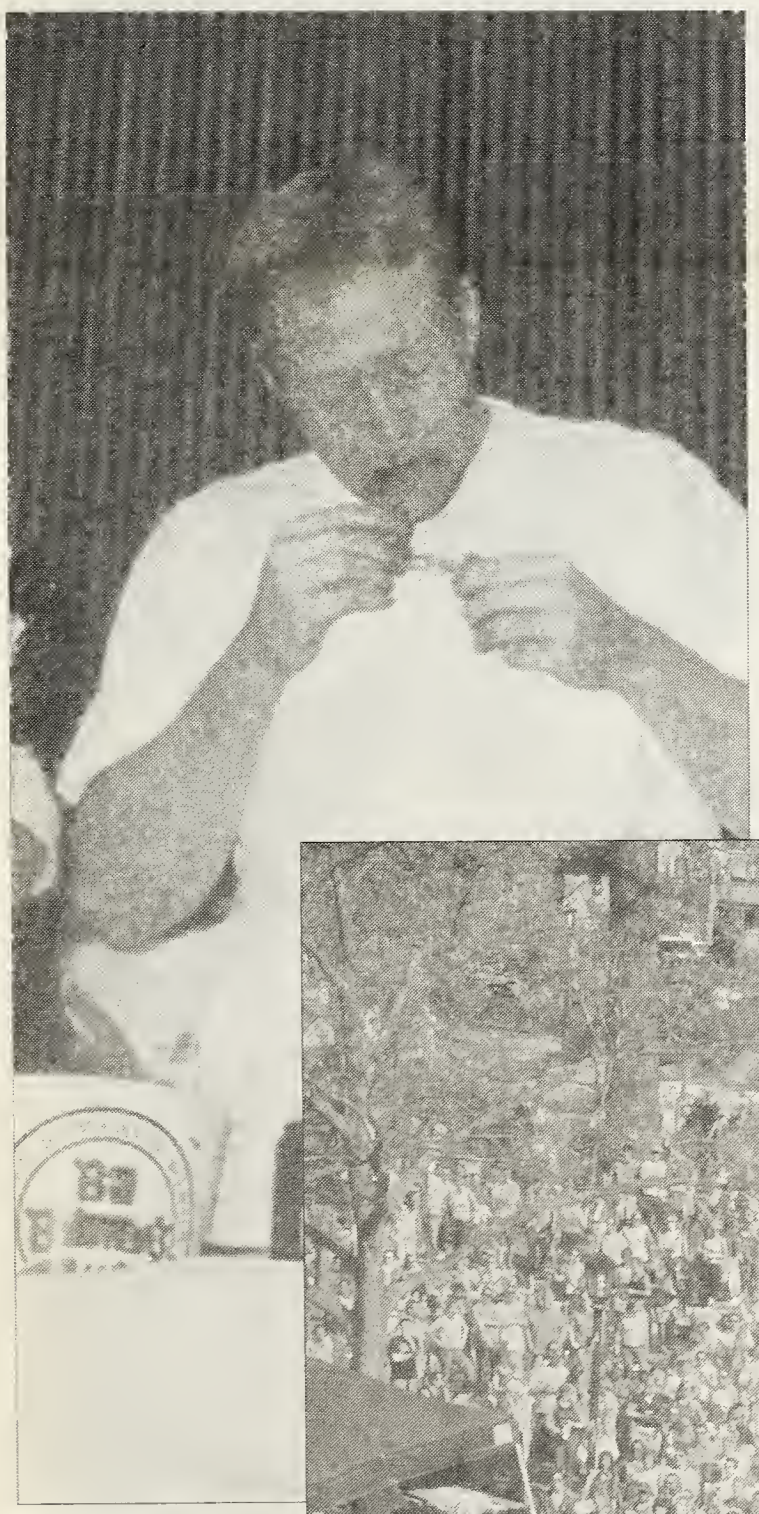


Fall Football Classic

Congrats to the Class of 2003!!

Thanks for making all our events a success!

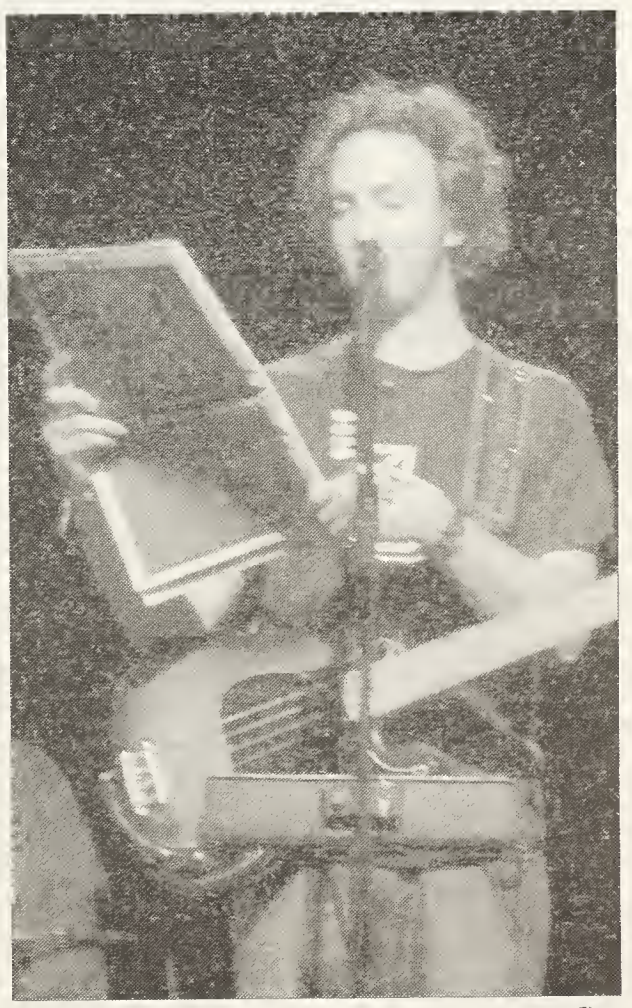
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Loyolapalooza



Guster (reading *The Greyhound*)

SENIOR SUPERLATIVES

We asked the senior class to pick favorites ... here are the results.

BEST LOYOLA EVENT



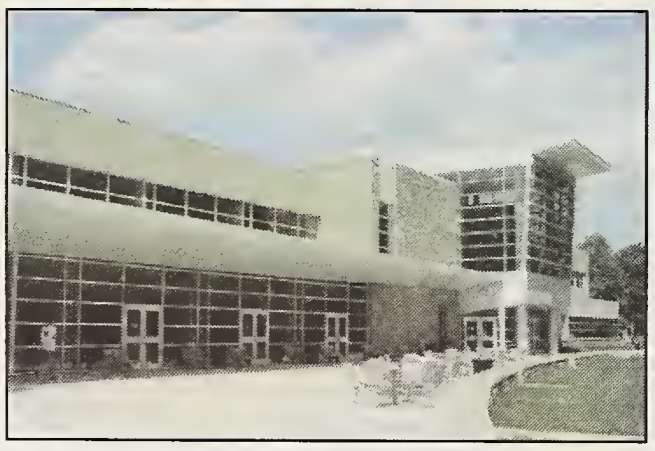
1. Loyolapalooza
2. Bull & Oyster Roast
3. Fall Football Classic

FAVORITE BAR



1. Favorite's Pub (Craig's)
2. Gators Pub and Pizza
3. Swallow at the Hallow

BEST CHANGE AT LOYOLA



1. Fitness and Aquatic Center opens
2. Maryland Hall renovated
3. Sellinger Building opens

WORST CHANGE AT LOYOLA



It'll always be Guilford to us.

1. Residence Hall names
2. Tougher Student Life policies
3. Parking Issues

MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED

1. Kyle Lennon
2. Anthony Mastroianni
3. Denis LaFreniere
 Nicholas Bushar

1. Christine Maloblocki
2. Erin O'Keefe
3. Jane Tully

FRIENDLIEST SENIOR

1. Denis LaFreniere
2. Mark Kaltenbach
3. Matt Daly

1. Diana Desierto
1. Lisa Martterer
3. Courtney Trzraska

BEST SENIOR ACADEMICALLY

1. Kyle Lennon
2. Louis Miserendino
3. John McConnell

1. Autumn Martin
2. Allison Kepner
3. Jennifer Consoli

BEST LOOKING SENIOR

1. Ryan Dunn
2. Matt Baydala
3. Tom Molloy
 Danny Miller

1. Erin Burke
2. Courtney Scott
3. Jen Albright
 Kathryn Taraci

FUNNIEST SENIOR

1. Mike Vespa
2. Alex Zane
3. Patrick Donnelly

1. Diana Desierto
2. Jane Middendorf
3. Jane Tully



Christine Maloblocki & Erin O'Keefe

Anthony Mastroianni



Denis LaFreniere



Kyle Lennon



The Miz



Danny Miller



Ryan Dunn



Diana Desierto



Alex Zane



Katie McEvily

Sean Murphy



Lisa Martterer





Sara Shoaf: Lax, FFC Champ

Chris Summers



Charles LoPresto



Nancy Williams



Bill Law of the soccer team



Rev. Frank Hilton, S.J.



Top ranked ladies lax

BIGGEST PARTIER

1. Sean Murphy
2. Mark Kaltenbach
4. Dimitrios Nanavrakis

1. Katie McEvily
2. Colleen Dowd
3. Lisa Potts

BEST DRESSED

1. Shaun Gembala
2. Jeff Beesley
3. Graig Linn

1. Lisa Martterer
2. Erin Burke
3. Sabrina Ng

BEST ATHLETE

1. Chris Summers
2. Ryan Radonis
3. Donovan Thomas

1. Sara Shoaf
2. Jen Albright
3. Audra Garuccio

BEST PROFESSOR

1. Charles LoPresto
2. Gerard Athaide
3. Roger Kashlak

1. Nancy Williams
2. Dale Snow
3. Jane Edwards

FAVORITE JESUIT

1. Frank Hilton
2. Joesph Rossi
3. Timothy Brown

EASIEST MAJOR

1. Communications
2. Elementary Education
3. Marketing
 Speech Pathology

HARDEST MAJOR

1. Biology
2. Accounting
3. Finance

FAVORITE SPORT

1. Lacrosse
2. Soccer
3. Basketball

BEST PARTY



1. Senior 250s
2. Little Havana
3. Craig's Fest/Cinco de Mayo

BEST CAMPUS EATERY



1. Boulder
2. Primo's
3. Taco Bell

FAVORITE DORM



1. Newman Towers (Wynnewood)
2. Hammerman Hall
3. McAuley Hall

BEST SPORTING EVENT



Senior Joey Case fends of a Syracuse defender.

1. Loyola vs. Hopkins Lacrosse
2. Fall Football Classic
3. Men's lacrosse beats Syracuse in OT (2001)

Mary Nevill

By Kristy Burroughs
Production Manager

In the past four years, Mary Nevill has participated in Gospel Choir and Loyola Alive, has been president of Chorale and Madrigals and become a key component of the Belles. Yet she still has found time to excel in her education major/special ed minor.

"I've always known I wanted to teach; I love teaching and I love children. It's a way to give of myself. It's something I've learned from my family. My parents are both in education and my two siblings are five and six years younger, so I was always teaching them," she said.


Mary Nevill

Nevill began her college career by organizing a book drive through her home town of Annville, Pa. and Loyola for the inner city school where the first year students had their field experience freshman year.

"It had a non-functioning library, meaning that it didn't have a librarian or any recent books," said Nevill. "I just felt that a book drive was a simple way to help solve the problem, and I knew that my hometown, particularly my church, would love to help out the children of Baltimore."

Her latest push for the inner schools involved convincing Student Activities to fund Loyola's Storybook Players to come the school where she was student teaching, and perform for the children this past semester.

"There is a tremendous lack of funding, and very little exposure to the arts at the school," she said. "The children get their music lesson from a cart a teacher pushes around, and art classes are taught in a trailer. Knowing the quality of the performance that Storybook would give them, I thought the exposure to good art was important."

In the performance, Nevill was asked to be the narrator for the show, which she and the children loved. It wasn't her first time acting through Loyola, as she was a part of last spring's Evergreen Players' musical, *City of Angels*.

Understanding the need for good teachers to give the students the best education possible even without the resources and funding they deserve, Nevill is currently under contract to spend next year teaching in Baltimore city, with the inner city population she loves.

"Part of the reason I've chosen to stay in the area is because the connections I've made, whether from my hometown, my friends or Loyola which can help me be a better teacher," said Nevill. "Quality education can only happen through good teachers, and teaching is a way for me to give back to the community."

Mike Ferguson

By Pete Davis
Sports Editor

At 4:30 in the morning when many Loyola students have just fallen asleep, Mike Ferguson is waking up and getting ready to start his day. Ferguson is the lone senior on the men's crew team this season and had the responsibility of picking up the van for practice every morning. He has provided inspiration and leadership to his younger teammates throughout the year.

The crew team puts in long hours of practice with early mornings in preparation for the season. In fact, the season is still going on as the team is preparing for their final meet that will be held in Camden, N.J. during the end of the month.

Ferguson is originally from Boston, Mass. and currently resides in Buffalo, N.Y. when he is not at school. He is extremely close to his family and going away to school was certainly a big step for Ferguson. Even though this was the case, he knew right away that he made the right decision when he decided to come to Loyola.

"The first week I was at Loyola I knew this was the place I was supposed to be," he said. "God really helped me out and put me in the right spot."

Ferguson is a biology major who will be attending medical school at Syracuse University after graduation.

You would think that being a biology major and a member of the crew team would mean that Ferguson would not have too much time to do anything else, but this is not the case. Ferguson was actively involved in Loyola's Christian Fellowship his four years at school. Ferguson described this as a place to go to hang out with some friends and to worship. It also provides a nice break and relaxation from his busy schedule.

Ferguson has certainly made the most of his four years at Loyola. Between his dedication to the crew team and the Christian Fellowship he has found things he is passionate about and has dedicated his time and efforts to them.

"I've made some fantastic friends and made some great memories," Ferguson said of his time at Loyola. "I've had some not so great things happen, but I've been able to learn from them."


Mike Ferguson

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Andy Kazeniac

By Sara Jerome
Contributing Editor

If the name Andy Kazeniac sounds familiar, it is probably because you have seen him on campus. Andy prides himself in being involved at Loyola, both through community service and athletic activities.

Andy has been involved with Christmas in April for the last two year, and participated in Project Mexico this year. He also works at the front desk at the gym and plays club soccer. The best thing about being an active member of the Loyola community for Andy has been the friendships he has made over the past four years.

"Some of my best friends at Loyola have come from doing these activities together," he said.

Service activities have helped him to connect with people outside of Loyola's campus by allowing him to reach out to people in less fortunate areas, he said.

His genuine concern for others is one thing that communications professor Barbara Mallonee has noticed about Andy. Having had him for three different classes throughout his years at Loyola, Mallonee has gotten to know Andy well.

"He is interested in others – his family, classmates, friends, and those beyond our gates," said Mallonee. "I feel that he is one of those students who, years down the road, Loyola will be proud to have graduated."

Andy, an easy-going, "up for anything" senior, comes from Westford, Mass. His home state shows through in his preference of sports teams; Andy is proud to be a Celtics fan.

Andy is known around campus as being a person who works hard, while

Anna Koptiuch

By Faith Hayden
Arts & Society Editor

Anna Koptiuch is one senior who can safely say she's dabbled in almost every aspect of Loyola College. From Belgium to club lacrosse, Koptiuch has spent the past four years getting a fair feel for everything that Loyola has to offer it's students.

"I'm really into sports," said Koptiuch, who played both club lacrosse and field hockey at Loyola. "I would definitely recommend joining some sort of team here since it's such a good environment."

After returning from studying abroad in Belgium junior year, Koptiuch called it "difficult" to return to club sports, and decided to take up Dance Company instead, in which she participated for a semester. She also was hired as a paid aerobics instructor this past year at the Fitness Center.

"Aerobics is something that I've been doing for a long time at home," said Koptiuch.

A Communications major with a focus in Public Relations and a minor in Marketing, Koptiuch has also had some highly prestigious internship that are sure to help in this summer's job search. In 2000, she was an intern at e-Media in Connecticut.

This past year, Koptiuch worked for CBS Sports in New York City as an assistant to the president. This internship provided Koptiuch with the many other opportunities such as attending the Final Four in New Orleans as a Runner for Bonnie Bernstein, a CBS Sports announcer.

"I basically just worked with the announcer and got anything she wanted, from water to graphic [designs]," said Koptiuch. "It was really neat to get to see all the behind the scenes action."

Koptiuch was also a CBS Sports runner at Ravens Stadium for pro and college football games and recently at the MCI Center for college basketball.

Somehow in between all of this Koptiuch, was still able to hold down a job at the Fitness and Aquatic Center equipment room, and find time to volunteer at the Career Center.

"The busier I am, the easier it is to meet deadlines," said Koptiuch.

Although sophomore year was her best academically, Koptiuch stresses the importance of the different kinds of learning she found each year at Loyola.

"Freshman year was all about adjusting," said Koptiuch, "Sophomore year was more about really focusing, declaring a major and buckling down. Junior year I went abroad and had so much fun, and learned so many life experiences that I would have never gotten anywhere else. And senior year is more about finishing everything off and putting the things I have learned to use."

Upon graduation, Koptiuch will be putting everything she's learned at Loyola to use by continuing to look for a job in her field.

"I have a few interviews lined up and I'd like to travel, do something different. Maybe, Costa Rica."

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still having a lot of fun. Having a balance in his life is important to this marketing major and writing minor. Although he is still not quite sure where his career path will take him, Andy knows that the most important thing is to find a job that he enjoys.

"I just want to work somewhere that I don't dread going to and that will give me the opportunity to travel," he said.

Traveling has been an important part of Andy's college years. He says that if he could offer underclassmen one piece of advice, aside from taking advantage of all the free food on campus, it would be to study abroad. "I made a spur-of-the-moment decision to apply to Thailand, and it was the best six months of the past four years," he said.

Andy's daring attitude is one thing that friend Eric Eckenrode admires most about him. Eric, also a senior at Loyola, has known Andy since they were freshmen, both in and out of the classroom.

"Andy is a lot like my brother's old bike, the Komodo Dragon," Eric said. "He's fearless, takes all punches, and has been run over by a train."

While the train accident may be questionable, no one would argue that Andy is a person who stands up for what he believes in.

"Andy is a guy that sticks to his guns," said Eckenrode. "If he knows something is right or has a different opinion about something, he always gets his point across."

Andy has used his voice to seek change on campus. If you have ever enjoyed a salad a Boulder Garden Café, for example, Andy says you have him to thank.

"I was asked the Question of the Week for *The Greyhound* as a freshman, and I said Boulder needed a salad bar," he said. "My call to action has been heard, and I think a lot of people are happier because of it."

No matter where life takes Andy after he steps off of Loyola's campus, Mallonee is confident that he has what it takes to go far.

"He is self-assured as a person, as a writer, as a speaker," she said. "He has a good education and he has a good mind, and I think he graduates knowing he is well-prepared to walk out into the world."

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Bill Coveney

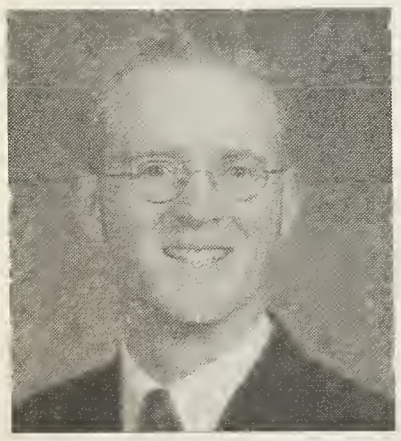
By Doug Dryer
Opinions Editor

This senior hails from Chestertown, Md., just about an hour and a half away from the Evergreen Campus. He despises long walks on the beach, hates candle light dinners and is disgusted by the amount of time he spends on trying to "make the grade" in all of his marketing classes. There is only one thing in the world that keeps this Bachelors of Business Administration recipient from getting out of his bed in Avila Hall every morning: WLOY, Loyola College's premier radio station. Along with his responsibilities of being the general manager of this station, which include serving as the head of the student-based Management Board for overseeing the different departments and keeping communication flowing smoothly between them, he also represents WLOY's volunteers to the administration, the SGA and various other groups on and off campus.

This spring, Bill actually found the time to turn one of his internships into a full time job. He deals mainly with public relations and marketing at Weber Shandwick and has done business with BG&E, Harley Davidson and the YMCA. He has been working there since May 2002 and was invited back there twice to receive academic credit for a second and third semester, respectively.

Other then these demanding jobs, Coveney is practicing to become a world-class lumberjack champion. If chopping wood for the rest of his life doesn't put food on the table, he will have to rely on his training to become a Lebanese fighter pilot. So far he has seven confirmed kills in combat. If none of these extracurricular activities pan out, he might combine both of these talents and fly jet planes into trees.

When asked if he wanted to thank anyone for all of the good fortunes bestowed upon him, Bill responded with, "I give thanks to my family: for my mother's heart, my father's witty sense of humor and my two lovely sisters, for not pissing me off as much as they used to."



Bill Conveney

Bill would also like to thank all of his friends for the countless numbers of "pink bellies" he has received and all of the fat jokes. Without them, "he would go on to live a sober and unfulfilled life."

Just in case you were wondering, since Bill, in comparison to the height of the rest of his roommates, weighs the most, his friends refer to him as "Fatty McGee" or "Fat Fatty Fat." In the dodge ball game of life, Bill Coveney, the "fat" kid, is out, but not soon forgotten.

Kimisha Robinson



Kimisha Robinson

By Elizabeth Cleary
Sports Editor

Originally from Brooklyn, N.Y., Kimisha Robinson has found a new home here in Baltimore. She is graduating with a degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Management Information Systems.

During her time at Loyola, Robinson was often seen around campus and the Baltimore area helping others. She has done numerous service opportunities, including tutoring at the Learning Bank for a semester and volunteering at Habitat for Humanity on weekends.

She has mentored ALANA freshmen and was a leader for the freshman retreat the past two years. During long study sessions, Robinson was known to feast on green apple sour powers and either peach or raspberry iced tea, her favorite candy and drink.

Most people around campus, however, would know Robinson for her four-year involvement in the BSA. Last year she was a BSA senator and has contributed many hours to BSA events the past four years.

In addition to the BSA, Robinson has been on the Step Team for three years, dedicating even more of her time to the Loyola community.

With her involvement with such a broad range of people through the various activities, Robinson has certainly gained valuable skills and broadened her horizons during her time at Loyola.

After four years of such a challenging major, Robinson plans on relaxing a bit before continuing her studies. She is going on an 11-day Caribbean cruise with three of her roommates after graduation.

"I know it will be fun and very relaxing and a good way to end my time here at Loyola," said Robinson.

After the fun in the sun, Robinson plans on returning to Baltimore, where a full-time job and possibilities of graduate school await her.

She plans on enrolling in a masters program in Telecommunications at the University of Maryland at College Park or at Morgan State University.

When Robinson graduates this year, the college community will miss her dedication and enthusiasm to serve and entertain.

Paul Jacxsens

By Laura Gleason
Arts & Society Editor

Paul Jacxsens credits Loyola College as a school that emphasizes formation as well as education, a formula that has served him well the last four years. Jacxsens said his time at Loyola has been "about how [we] conduct ourselves and utilize all the blessings Loyola has given us as students."

Jacxsens himself has contributed immensely to the formation of Loyola and its students. An English major, business minor from Washington D.C., Jacxsens has donated his time, energy and talents to several of Loyola's signature programs and organizations.

He has been a member of Loyola's Honor Council since his sophomore and served as its Chair the last two years.

"Honor Council has come a long way in the last three years," Jacxsens said. "We've tried to educate the college about the honor code and academic integrity; it's been a matter of increasing student awareness."

During Jacxsens's tenure as chair, the honor council made presentations at orientation sessions and posted signs inscribed with Loyola's motto "Strong Truths Well Lived" to promote the importance of a community that takes truth and integrity very seriously.

Along with fellow senior Christine Maloblocki, Jacxsens introduced the "Pens for Friends" program to the Evergreen Campus in the fall of 2001. In cooperation with the Student Government Association, the Honor Council and the campus bookstore, "Pens for Friends" encouraged Loyola students to purchase an extra school supply along with their own to donate to Baltimore City school children. "It's a great program—not a lot of work and a big payoff," said Jacxsens. "We've probably collected thousands of school supplies in the last two years."

As a senior, Jacxsens was selected to the Green and Grey Society, a group of seniors that serve as a student advisory board to college president Harold Ridley, S.J. Two initiatives of this Green and Grey society were a September 11th memorial and the return of crucifixes to the classrooms of the newly renovated Maryland Hall. The Green and Grey Society's vision for September 11th memorial was adopted as the class of 2003's senior class gift and will come to fruition in the next few years.



Paul Jacxsens

Following graduation, Jacxsens will be heading west to Colorado for a year. He will volunteer with the Colorado Vincentian Volunteers. "I came across the program at the service fair in the fall and it seemed like the right program for me," Jacxsens said. Jacxsens cited the program's small size and spiritual element as appealing characteristics. He will be living and working with the materially poor at the Catholic Worker House of Hospitality.

"I definitely want to continue my spiritual progression," he said, and looks forward to Colorado and life after Loyola.

The Greyhound Staff

Nick Alexopulos - Thanks for all your humor to help us through Sunday nights and into Monday mornings. Among the highlights that we'll miss are your political commentary, your sometimes political incorrect comments, and your opinions on Opinions.

Katherine Tiernan - Thanks for jumping in this year with so much enthusiasm. Even with all the stress *The Greyhound* has put you through, your dedication never wavered.

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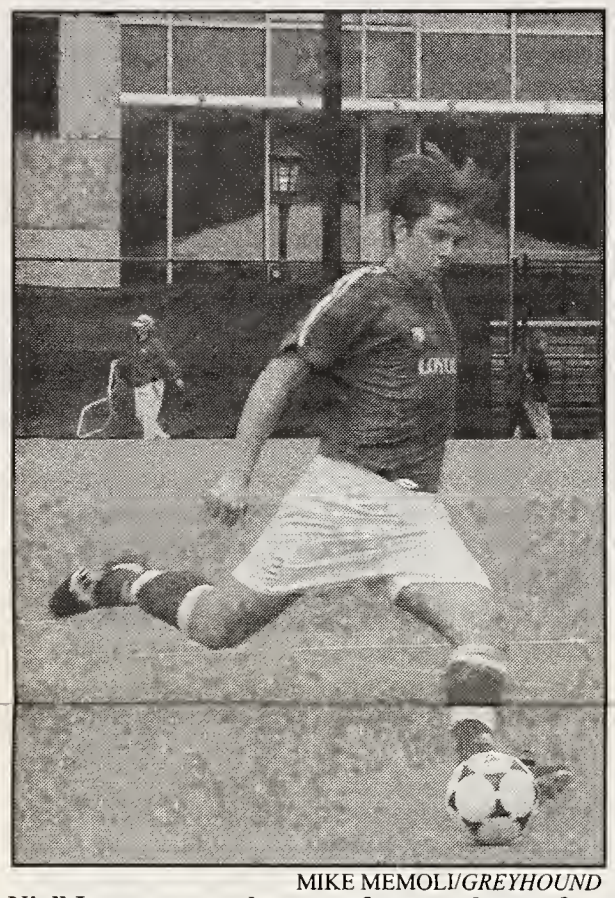
Katie Perrone, Mike D'Imperio and Tom Webbert - Thanks for sucking us into this blackhole. Even though you somehow escaped, your presence has been missed.

THE GREYHOUND ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

Men's soccer player Niall Lepper

By Mike Memoli
Editor in Chief

Scotland native Niall Lepper followed head coach Mark Mettrick to Loyola in 2000, and that combination has been at the heart of Loyola's success in the last three years. A leader of the men's soccer team's talented senior core, Lepper was chosen by the college and *The Greyhound* as the male senior athlete of the year for 2002-2003.



MIKE MEMOLI/*GREYHOUND*
Niall Lepper earned two conference player of the year honors during his career at Loyola.

"I just feel like I go out and do my job and do it well," Lepper said. "It's not just me its my fellow players."

In four years, the men's soccer team has posted the best winning percentage of Loyola's men's teams. During Lepper's tenure, the Greyhounds have not lost a single regular season game against a MAAC opponent. The team's 2001 season was the best in program history, with Loyola reaching the Sweet 16 after beating the University of Maryland for the second time on the road, something Lepper points to as the highlight of his career.

"Even this year I think was a great experience," Lepper said. The Hounds became a younger team after the core of the 2001 team graduated. "The fact that we still made the tournament and did so well, I don't think many people expected that."

Lepper was recruited by Mettrick, head coach at Mt. St. Mary's at the time, while playing on the Scotland Under-18 National Team. When Mettrick was brought to Loyola in 2000, Lepper agreed to come with him. He met his new teammates working at a soccer camp that summer, which helped him adjust to a new team.

"I had a reputation coming in here with the coach, and I just had to prove myself once again," Lepper said.

"We've enjoyed three very successful seasons and he's been an integral part of that," said Mettrick. "He's a very respectful, dedicated young man who on the soccer field was always extremely competitive and cared deeply about Loyola and its soccer program."

Though he plays defense, Lepper has often been referred to as the quarterback of the men's side, initiating the Greyhound attack with his distribution of the ball into the offensive zone. Mettrick said the team played to his skill in that particular task, especially this season.

"Not only is he an aggressive defender, he has excellent technical skills," Mettrick said. "His passing game is his biggest strength. I think that's what puts him above other players."

As a defender, statistics do not do Lepper's career justice. In 2002, he scored three goals and added two assists, with eight points placing him just seventh on the team. Where he did make a presence was as an example on a team that this year included nine freshman.

"He's a leader by example," Mettrick said. "Whenever we crossed the white line to play, he always came with a fierce, competitive attitude, and I think our young players saw him as a senior caption who was a very good role model."

Lepper was honored throughout his Loyola career, earning back-to-back MAAC player of the year honors in 2001 and 2002, and also placing on the National Soccer Coaches Association of America's All-South Atlantic First Team this year.

Lepper hopes to stay in Baltimore after finishing up his academic requirements next fall. He was the first draft choice of the Baltimore Blast, an indoor soccer team that last month won the Major Indoor Soccer League Championship, but Lepper said he is still deciding whether or not he will sign with the team. He had considered a career in Major League Soccer, America's sixth-year outdoor league, but restrictions on the number of international players each team can have has made it unlikely that he would be signed.

Instead, Lepper plans to continue his education with a possible masters degree, and both he and Mettrick have discussed the possibility of him staying with the Greyhounds as an assistant coach. His leadership as a coach will likely of great use to the team, with the potential for 17 freshman and sophomores on a 25-man roster as another talented senior group leaves. Also graduating is goalie Reb Beatty, who has been a fixture between the pipes for four years at Loyola.

"We've got a good recruiting class, but a player of Niall's caliber is rare," Mettrick said. "We may have to be very patient finding the right player to replace him."

Lepper is confident the team will continue its success just as it did this year when it adapted to similar turnover last year.



MIKE MEMOLI/*GREYHOUND*
Suzanne Eyler drives to the cage against a Yale player on Sunday.

Women's lacrosse player Suzanne Eyler

By Mike Memoli
Editor in Chief

The difficult decision of who would be female senior athlete of the year was made easier over the past three weeks with the exceptional play of the women's lacrosse team and specifically tri-captain Suzanne Eyler.

Eyler has been at the heart of the Greyhounds' near-perfect play all year. Her finest moment may have come against the rival Maryland Terrapins, when she scored three goals in a dramatic come-from-behind road victory, solidifying Loyola's standing as the nation's number one team and guaranteeing the program's first-ever top seed in the NCAA tournament.

For Eyler, that win was extra sweet, coming on year after a first-round loss to Maryland at home in last year's tournament.

"Getting knocked out so early last year was hard for us to swallow," Eyler said. "From day one in the fall, that loss was fresh in our memories, and we took every day, practice seriously. We did not forget how it felt to go home early last year."

Eyler's versatility in the midfield and determination on both offense and defense has made her a dual threat that opponents have struggled to contain, even with double teams.

Heading into this weekend's Final Four, Eyler is the clear team leader in goals with 56, including four game-winners. She is 13th in the nation in scoring averaging three goals per game, and has 34 caused turnovers on a team which is second in the nation in that category.

"This being my fifth year, there was definitely a difference in confidence level and maturity," Eyler said. "I just feel really comfortable on the turf and I feel really comfortable with the team."

"She gets out there and not only does she put the ball in the back of the net but she runs the defense," head coach Diane Geppi-Aikens said in a recent interview.

When she chose Loyola, Eyler knew it meant she might have to wait for her chance to play full time. She started seven games as a freshman, and played in only four during her sophomore year before sitting out because of compartment syndrome. After coming close to a championship earlier in her career as a non-starter, the two-time All-American is now relishing the opportunity the team has this year.

"I came to Loyola and I chose this school because of Diane and the coaching staff and the possibility of winning a championship." she said. "Diane really looked out for me and helped me progress as the athlete that I am and help me become the player I that I am."

Eyler said she feels confident that she accomplished all that she had hoped to in her career, though there is still one last thing missing.

"I always felt like I worked as hard as I could have worked and did everything I could to be where I am," Eyler said. "Of course I'd love to get the championship to top it off, that's the ultimate goal."

Regardless of how her playing career ends, Eyler intends to continue with the sport as a coach, as have a number of players under Geppi-Aikens. Eyler said she hopes to sign on somewhere as a second assistant after the dust settles on the 2003 season.

"I knew I've wanted to coach since freshman year, and [Geppi-Aikens] has really looked after me and helped me," she said.

She also will continue in her role as a sales and technical representative for DeBeer Lacrosse, which she has done for the past three years. Clearly, lacrosse is a passion she will not part from easily.

"I can't imagine one single day of my life without [lacrosse], so I'm not ready to give it up yet," she said. "I'm ready to give up college, but I'm not ready to give up lacrosse."

Greyhound Team Records/Achievements

Since 1999-2000

Men's Soccer
55-17-8
2002: NCAA First Round
2001: NCAA Sweet 16

Women's Soccer
49-24-6
2002: NCAA First Round
2001: NCAA First Round
2000: MAAC Champs

Volleyball
45-81

Men's Basketball
22-90

Women's Basketball
54-61

Golf
2003: MAAC Champs

Tennis
Men: 49-48
Women: 83-18

Men's Lacrosse
37-17
2002: CAA Champs
2001: NCAA Quarters
2000: NCAA First Round

Women's Lacrosse
63-15
*2003: NCAA Semis**
2002: NCAA First Round
2001: NCAA Semis
2000: NCAA Semis

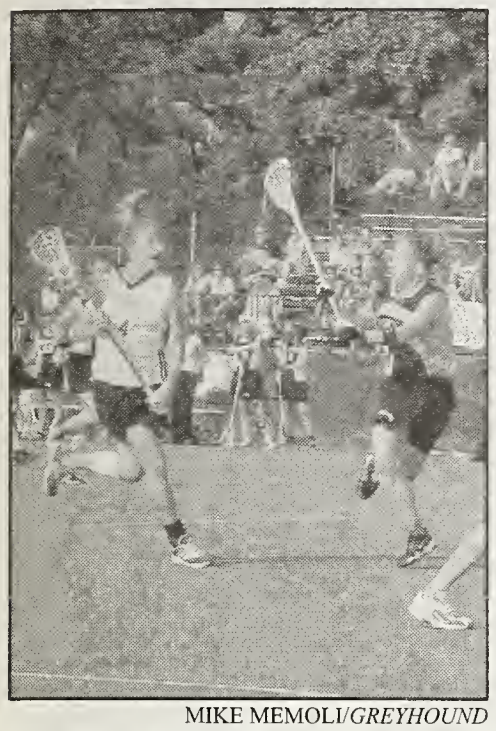
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Top-ranked Hounds reach seventh Final Four

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the challenge."

That success is due in large part because of the senior leadership. Going into the season with 13 freshman presented a challenge, but it was one the team easily overcame.



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Senior Sara Shoaf, injured for most of the season, played in last week's opening round win versus UMBC.

"When you have 13 freshman, if you don't have good seniors you're in big trouble because they need to teach the 13 babies on the field," said Geppi-Aikens.

"Our seniors have done a great job of being examples in the locker room, on campus, on the field," Eyler said. "The way our seniors carry themselves really represents the way Loyola players should be."

Both Eyler and Geppi-Aikens cited team chemistry as the team's greatest strength.

"At this level, everybody's good, so something has to set you off," Geppi-Aikens said. "The coaching staff is wonderful, and these are great women. They're great to coach, and I think that's made the difference."

With their head coach in poor health, the time that the team shares with each other has been all that much more important.

"We have a lot of story time; we retell the same stories and we relive some of the stuff Diane has done for us," Eyler said. "[We talk about] tradition, how important it is to be part of Loyola lacrosse--how important it is to represent Loyola and Diane in a proud way."

The team's title run has taken on added significance as the national media has tuned in. Coach Geppi-Aikens' battle with terminal brain cancer combined with the team's unprecedented success has been the subject of regular coverage by newspapers and networks nationwide. CBS's Jim Axelrod, filming a segment for the CBS Evening News, called it "the greatest story going right now." NBC's "Today" morning show has been following the team's every move over the past several weeks with a major feature scheduled to air on Friday. This week, ESPN also took on the story, and will air a piece on Sunday's 11 p.m. SportsCenter. On Wednesday before traveling to Syracuse, former Oriole and future Hall of Famer Cal Ripken also joined the team for their final practice, posing for photographs and signing lacrosse balls.

"It's been really great actually to have the media attention, not only for Diane and for other cancer patients, but for lacrosse itself and for Loyola," Eyler said. "I feel like Loyola has given me so many opportunities, not only educational-wise but also athletically, and it feels really great to be able to give back to them and let the rest of the nation see a little bit of Loyola that no one else has seen anymore. I feel really proud, really proud to be a part of Loyola."

The national focus has been good, but Eyler said the reaction of students has meant even more to the team.

"It's just been so amazing, the support they've had for us," she said. "We get the chills in games; people score and we feel like we're in a stadium. The crowd is so loud and into it. It really makes a difference to us."

But both the players and the coaching staff have stressed that as much as they want to win a championship for their beloved coach, they cannot let their emotions get the best of them. The team is preparing for a tough two games if they plan to win that championship.

"[Princeton] is a different team, we're a different team," Eyler said.

Should they beat Princeton again, the team will face either Maryland once again, or Virginia, the only team to beat Loyola this year. Friday's game begins at 6:30 p.m., with the national championship game scheduled for 1 p.m. on Sunday.

NEXT UP

NCAA Final Four
at the Carrier Dome
Syracuse, N.Y.

17-1

vs

14-4



All-time series: 3-1 LC
Notes: Princeton won the NCAA championship last year when it was played at Curley Field.
- Loyola beat the Tigers 9-8 on March 9 at Princeton on Talia Shacklock's OT goal.

Athletic Banquet Honorees

Ernest Lagna Award
Audra Garuccio

John R. Mohler Trophy
Niall Lepper

Diane Geppi-Aikens Inspiration Awards
Joey Case
Becky Bieneman

Medals of Merit
Reb Beatty
John McConnell
Annie DiPalo

Leadership Awards
Bill Law
Suzanne Eyler

Fr. Francis McManamin Unsung Hero Awards
Juliano Adriano de Oliveira
Sandra Gallagher
Susan Tyrrell

Highest Senior GPA (Male)
John McConnell (3.84)

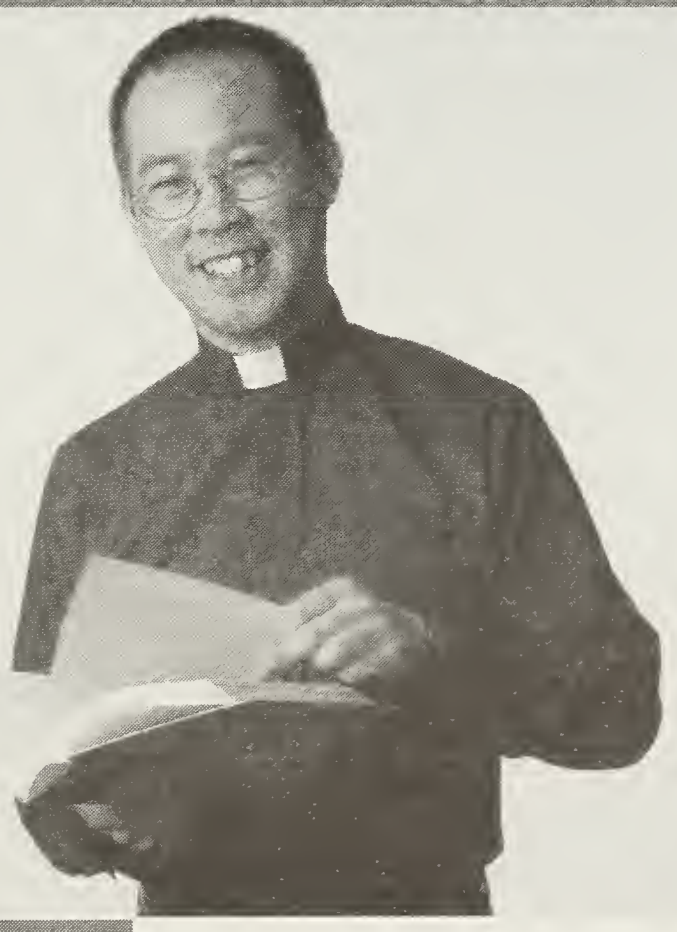
Highest Senior GPA (Female)
Betsy Mezick (3.90)

Highest Team GPA
Women's Swimming & Diving (3.43)

Student Service Award
Mike D'Imperio

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